

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members, Utah State Board of Education

FROM: Dr. Patti Harrington
State Superintendent of Public Instruction

DATE: February 6, 2009

ACTION: R277-491 *School Community Councils* (Amended)

Background: School community councils are charged with a variety of planning and other responsibilities, under the direction and approval of local boards of education or, for state-sponsored charter schools, the State Charter School Board. These councils are of particular importance in the implementation of the School LAND Trust Program. School Community Councils must have board approval for four plans: 1) school improvement plan 2) reading achievement plan 3) professional development plan and 4) child access routing plan. Local control of these funds is an essential guiding principle in the implementation of this program.

Proposal: The Law and Policy Committee will consider changes to R277-491 *School Community Councils*. The changes in the rule are intended to ensure that local school community councils and Boards of Education have the entire flexibility provided for in statute relative to decision making processes.

Anticipated Action: It is recommended that the Law and Policy Committee approve the amended rule, R277-491 *School Community Councils* on first reading and that the Board approve the rule on second reading.

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